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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has signed any agreement with the European Commission with regard to higher studies for Indian students in European universities

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of benefits Indian students are expected to get from such an agreement; and

(d) the details of programmes which are intended to be offered to Indian Students in the agreement alongwith the eligibility criteria fixed for admission to such programmes?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI)

(a) & (b) The Government of India and European Commission signed a Financing Agreement on 19.3.2005 to implement `Erasmus Mundus India Window` Programme. The European Union (EU) will provide Euro 33 million to be utilized till 31.12.2009 and is expected to create approximately 900 scholarships during this period for Indian students to pursue Erasmus Mundus Masters Courses at selected consortia of universities approved by E.U. European Union have already advertised the offer of scholarships through their web-site for selection of candidates from India for the year 2005-06.

(c) Under this programme, the students would be provided scholarships for funding tuition fees, travel and living costs, etc. Scholarship would be for one or two years depending upon the course concerned.

(d) The scheme is only for post graduation studies and all Indian Students, graduated from recognized Indian Universities are eligible to apply. Students would be selected on merit in a large number of subjects such as Rural-Development, Forestry, Business Studies/Management Education, Material Science, Nano-Science, Aeronautics & Space Science, Earthquake Engineering, Water Management, Geo- Information Science, History, Linguistics, Law, Informatics, Medical Sciences, Communication, Cultural Studies, e- business, e-commerce etc.